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SUBJ: INDO-SOVIET TREATY ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED WITH
RESTRAINT

1. THIRD ANNIVERSARY

OF INDO-SOVIET TREATY FOR PEACE,

FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION (AUGUST 9) WAS GIVEN ONLY

PERFUNCTORY ATTENTION BY INDIAN GOVERNMENT LEADERS. ON

AUGUST 5 MRS. GANDHI GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO A TASS COR-

RESPONDENT IN WHICH SHE LAID STRESS ON THE CONTINUITY OF

INDO-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION FROM THE DAYS OF

INDEPENDENCE. IN REPLY TO A TASS QUESTION MRS. GANDHI

ALSO PRAISED BREZHNEV FOR HIS KEEN UNDERSTANDING OF

INDIA'S PROBLEMS AS DEMONSTRATED DURING HIS NOVEMBER TRIP.

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2. BOTH THE SOVIET EMBASSY AND THE INDO-SOVIET CULTURAL SOCIETY (ISCUS) SPONSORED ANNIVERSARY-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE CAPITAL (E.G., OPENING OF PHOTO EXHIBIT). AT ONE GATHERING VISITING ACADEMICIAN REDKO OF SOVIET INSTITUTE OF ORIENTAL STUDIES ALLUDED TO THE CONTROVERSIAL SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY PROPOSAL. ACCORDING TO THE SOVIET EMBASSY WEEKLY SUMMARIZING HIS REMARKS, REDKO DECLARED THAT "THOUGH THE ROAD TO COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA IS NOT AN EASY ONE, SUCH TREATIES (AS THE INDO-SOVIET ONE) BETWEEN ASIAN NATIONS CAN CERTAINLY FACILITATE THE TASK." THE INDIAN PRESS DID NOT REPORT REDKO'S REMARKS.

3. COMMENT: FOR THE SECOND YEAR TASS, SOVIET EMBASSY AND ISCUS HAVE CARRIED THE BALL PUBLICIZING THE TREATY HERE ON ITS ANNIVERSARY. MRS. GANDHI AND HER COLLEAGUES CLEARLY FEEL NO GOOD PURPOSE IS SERVED AT THIS POINT BY AN EFFUSIVE PROMOTION OF THE TWENTY-ZWSJ# AGREEMENT.
MOOYNIHAN

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